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- On 3 June 1954, the Panzer Kaserne [redacted] Bad Freienwalde, was occupied as previously. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. All elements of the units of the post appeared to be still in their quarters and engaged in increased training activity in the training area near Rathsdorf. The area was cordoned off by sentries and barbed-wire fences and was marked by off limits signs. Between 4 and 21 May, 5 open motor vehicle sheds had been built in the northeast corner of the training area about 1 km west of Alt Rant. The sheds were occupied by 20 to 25 trucks. About 20 tents and numerous soldiers were observed near these sheds prior to 3 June. Numerous soldiers received field training and 4 trucks towing guns presumably 76.2-mm field guns, were observed in the training area. It appeared that several units did not return to their installations at night. Between 4 May and 3 June, about 10 trucks, [redacted] were daily observed at driving school practices. [redacted] 25X1
- On 7 June, the Panzer Kaserne was occupied by about 1,200 to 1,400 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. Prior to 18 May, up to 6 T-34/85 tanks [redacted] were observed at field training. An undetermined number of guns including 4 x 57-mm AT guns fired with 11. [redacted] the Trampe training area. Between 29 May and 7 June, T-34/85 tank [redacted] 7 armored personnel carriers, and 2 half-track vehicles including some mounting twin-barreled AA guns, 3 x 57-mm AT guns, 4 x 76.2-mm field guns, 7 x 76.2-mm field guns without muzzle brake; 8 x 85-mm AT guns, 2 x 82-mm mortars, and 1 x 120-mm mortar were seen in the barracks area. Forty to fifty trucks, about 15 sidecar motorcycles, 6 tank trucks and 6 tank truck trailers were seen in the motor vehicle sheds. Prior to 18 May, 300 to 400 soldiers repeatedly received field training in the Trampe training area. Between 27 May and 7 June, intensive [redacted] 25X1

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training, including field training of groups of 60 to 180 soldiers, was observed. The units mostly marched out with 8 to 10 driving school trucks [redacted].

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At about 2100 on 2 June, about 200 soldiers left the installation for a night exercise in the Freienwalde Forest. The exercise included firing with blank cartridges. The units were still in the training area on 3 June. On 3 June, 7 T-34/85 tanks, about 40 sidecar motorcycles, 4 trucks towing light field guns, 3 trucks towing 57-mm AT guns, several armored personnel carriers and numerous other vehicles participated in the exercise. At about 1100, tanks and sidecar motorcycles were again observed on the Woelsickendorf-Trampe road. On another day of observation, about 15 soldiers with sidecar motorcycles crossed Teufels Lake on rafts. The column subsequently went toward Bad Freienwalde. Thirty soldiers engaged in field wire laying in the Alt-Lanft area which was frequently used for field training. Marksmanship training with rifles, machine guns and submachine guns was conducted almost daily at the firing range of the installation. Contrary to previous procedures, emphasis was laid on entrenching operations and the construction of field fortifications and bunkers. The preliminary construction of the first floor of the apartment house for officers' families in the barracks installation had been completed. [redacted]

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3. On 5 June, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne [redacted] Bernau, was occupied by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia and, a few wearing black-bordered black epaulets. Between 4 and 17 May, about 30 trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] left for the training area. The trucks were occupied by 15 to 20 soldiers each and were followed by T-34 tanks [redacted]. Firing with blank cartridges and cartridges was subsequently heard from the training area. Marksmanship with rifles was repeatedly practiced at the firing range. Between 26 May and 1 June, 4 rocket launchers, [redacted]

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4 T-34/85 tanks, [redacted] 1 half-track vehicle mounting a twin-barreled AA gun, 1 light mortar, and 2 guns, presumably 85-mm AT guns, were observed in the barracks area. Up to 400 soldiers received field training near the firing range in the Schoenow training area. Four tanks and numerous trucks were seen with the troops. [redacted]

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4. On 10 June, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne was occupied by about 1,200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia. Between 14 May and 10 June, about 30 T-34 tanks, 1 SU-85 gun, 21 x 75-mm AT guns, 12 x 76-mm AT guns, 8 x 120-mm mortars and 16 x 80-mm mortars were seen in the barracks area. Between 28 May and 10 June, 200 to 250 soldiers were repeatedly seen drilling, about 25 soldiers receiving instruction on 3 x 57-mm AT guns and about 30 soldiers practicing aiming with 80-mm mortars in the area beyond the autobahn. On 5 June, about 30 soldiers practiced aiming with 3 x 120-mm mortars and about 30 soldiers engaged in marksmanship training at the firing range. Trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] were seen en route to and from the installation.

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5. On 28 May, the buildings in the southern section of Luftnachrichten Kaserne occupied to capacity. On 19 May, 2 trucks towing 76-mm field guns left the installation and, on 25 May, 3 JS-2 tanks and 1 JS-3 left toward the Schoenau training area. On 26 May, about 60

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6. On 5 June, the SS-Priestambenstation [redacted] was occupied by about 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On 4 and 5 June, the 4 x 76-mm AA guns were still in the AAA emplacement in the yard. About 25 soldiers repeatedly received instruction on these guns.

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7. On 10 June, the SS-Priestambenstation was occupied by about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Between 25 May and 9 June, an undetermined number of soldiers were repeatedly seen receiving instruction on 3 x 37-mm AA guns and 20 to 45 soldiers were seen drilling.

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8. On 5 June, the former Army Clothing Depot I [redacted] was occupied by about 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. No training was observed. An officer stated that the troops were to transfer to Templin and that they would return to Perna in October. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen.

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9. On 10 June, former Army Clothing Depot I was occupied by about 60 to 70 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. No training was observed. Trucks [redacted] were seen.

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10. On 10 June, the restricted area on Karl Marx Strasse [redacted] was occupied by about 80 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. No training was observed. On 5 and 9 June, the komendatura moved from the townhall to the restricted area. Motor vehicles [redacted] were observed.

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11. On 27 May, the Schuetzen Kaserne [redacted] Eberswalde, was occupied to capacity. Sentries observed were red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. An armored scout car was seen in a motor vehicle shed. On 28 May, at least 100 trucks, including several radio trucks and repair shop trucks with special superstructure, were lined up at the drill ground. About 50 soldiers were seen with the vehicles. On 21 and 28 May, reports of rifles and individual rounds of machine guns were heard from the firing range southeast of the installation. The radio trucks near the guardhouse were no longer observed after 10 May. On 5 June, 3 trucks [redacted] each occupied by 15 soldiers were seen entering and leaving the installation. Approximately 350 soldiers marched in the barracks area.

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12. On 3 June, the Schuetzen Kaserne was occupied to capacity as previously. Between 24 May and 3 June, 60 to 70 soldiers repeatedly left the installation toward Trampe; about 30 soldiers engaged in advanced combat practice in the Leuenburg meadows south of the installation; and an undetermined number of troops received training in firing at the target range. At 0830 on 28 May, 13 sedans, occupied by officers, including at least 5 generals, left the west section of the installation toward the west. [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] On 29 May, a column of 1 armored scout car, 1 half-track vehicle, 30 sidcar motorcycles, 3 trucks, each occupied by about 30 soldiers and towing 57-mm AT guns and 2 T-34 tanks left the installation toward Sommerfelde. On 2 June, 30 to 40 soldiers practiced driving with motorcycles. On 3 June, truck [redacted] towing 1 x 85-mm AT gun left the installation toward Finow and, on 8 June, 1 armored personnel carrier and 2 radio trucks left toward the town. [redacted] 25X1
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13. [redacted] 25X1
14. On 28 May, the Artillerie Kaserne [redacted] was occupied as previously. On 16 May, 120 to 150 soldiers engaged in physical training. On 28 May, 12 empty trucks were seen on the road between the barracks installation and the highway. On 3 June, 3 SP guns, [redacted] left the installation toward Trampe. 25X1
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15. On 3 June, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied to capacity. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. On 31 May, noise of work was heard from the ordnance shop. Maintenance work was done in the motor vehicle sheds. On 1 June, noise of tank engines was heard from the training area northwest of the installation. 25X1
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16. On 23 May, the cantonment on Breitscheidstrasse [redacted] was occupied by 400 to 500 soldiers. Sentries observed wore blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. On 31 May, about 100 soldiers engaged in physical training and about 80 soldiers practiced marching. 25X1
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17. On 3 June, the cantonment on Breitscheidstrasse was occupied to capacity. Sentries seen there wore blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. Twenty-eight trucks were seen in the open bays of the motor vehicle sheds at the northern edge of the cantonment area. Five special trailers for long timber were seen in front of the sheds.
18. On 15 June, the restricted area in the west section of the Wuhlgarten Heilanstalt [redacted] Berlin-Biesdorf, was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Numerous individual soldiers entered and left the installation through the main gate. Tank turrets were seen under the lean-to roofs. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying cable reels left the installation toward the training area; 20 soldiers constructed a temporary building in that area. The building was completed on 12 June. About 20 soldiers received advanced combat training near the Wuhle area. On 14 June, a JSU-122 gun left the restricted area toward the training area. 25X1

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19. Between 6 and 18 May, the restricted area in the west section of the Muhlgarten Heilanstalt was only partially occupied. On 14 June, canvas-covered vehicles were still observed in the sheds in the northwest section of the installation. Numerous officers with women and children left the officers' billets south of Erbachweg for the Heilanstalt area. [REDACTED] 2

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. The information indicates that the units of the 6th Gds Mech Div engaged in formation drill at the post training grounds according to training schedule. Training was concentrated on entrenching and the construction of field fortifications. The information fails to indicate any changes in the distribution of units. The following units are confirmed in their quartering areas [REDACTED] the 16th Gds Mech Regt until 7 June; the 52d Gds RI. En until 1 June; the 34th Tank Trg Bn until 28 May; and the 35th Gds Mech Regt until 9 June.

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